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Present Occupation: Arbitrator (Lawyer)

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

National Academy of Arbitrators (President - 1998-1999)

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers (Honorary Fellow).

EDUCATION:

JD Law Harvard University 1955

AB History Harvard University 1952

CERTIFICATIONS:

Law Massachusetts 1956, Michigan 1956, District of Columbia 1969

ARBITRATION/LABOR RELATIONS EXPERIENCE:

1970 - Present: Arbitrator, Mediator, Fact-Finder and Hearing Officer in more than 3000 labor and employment cases (see industries below) for FMCS, AAA and NMB, Hawaii Labor Relations Board, and Washington, DC PERB, . Started as associate umpire under Ralph Seward, umpire with Bethlehem Steel and United Steelworkers of America. From 1962 to 1964, was Appellate Court attorney in office of NLRB General Counsel. 1961-62, served as General Counsel of Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, of Labor and Education Committee, U.S. House of Representatives. 1957 to 1960, associate in Boston Law firm specializing in Labor Relations. 1955 to 1957, Law Clerk to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Judge and Chief Law Clerk to Court 1956-1957.e

INDUSTRIES:

Aerospace; airlines; aluminum; automotive; bakery; brewery; broadcasting; chemicals; clothing; coal; construction; dairy; education; electrical equipment; entertainment/arts; federal sector; food processing; foundry; furniture; health care; hospital/nursing home; hotels/restaurant; iron; local government; lumber; manufacturing; mining; petroleum/petrochemicals; pharmaceuticals; plastics; police and fire; pulp & paper; retail stores; rubber/tire; ship building & drydock; steel, tobacco; transportation; truck & storage; utilities.

ISSUES:

Absenteeism; alcohol & drug abuse; arbitrability; work assignment; bargaining unit work; demotion; discharge; discipline; discrimination; health & welfare; holidays & holiday pay; incentive rates/standards; job classification; job evaluation; job posting & bidding; jurisdiction; layoff, bumping & recall; management rights; mergers; consolidation; contract terms; overtime/overtime pay; past practice; pensions; promotion; rate of pay; RIF; retirement; report, call-in, callback pay; safety; scheduling of work; seniority; severance pay; sexual harassment; strike or lockout; subcontracting; successor; training; union business; union security; vacations & vacation pay; work performance; working conditions.

FEES:

PER DIEM FEE: \$2,400.00

CANCELLATION FEE: Postponement or cancellation within 30 days prior to scheduled hearing \$2,400.00

TRAVEL EXPENSES: Travel and travel time at per diem hourly rate (\$300) from Kapalua, Maui, HI. Reasonable air, ground and lodging expense, as needed.

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